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Idaho Milk Production Up 3.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2011 totaled 1.08 million pounds, a 3.7 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 11.7 percent from February 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average milk production per cow in March 2011 was 1,880 pounds, unchanged from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during March was 575,000 head, up 21,000 from March 2010, and up 2,000 head from February 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

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